

## **Housing Authority - County of Los Angeles**

November 24, 2009

To: Each Commissioner

From: *for* Sean Rogan, Executive Director *Bobette A. Rogan*

**SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF TENANT COMMISSIONERS TO THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION**

The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend the re-appointment of one tenant representative, and the appointment of one new tenant representative and one "homeless" representative to the Housing Commission. There are currently five openings for Tenant Commissioner, as well as an opening for a "homeless" representative.

Earlier this year, your Board adopted a revised ordinance with the following significant changes:

- total number of Tenant Commissioners increased from four to six;
- two of the six Tenant Commissioner seats, previously designated for Section 8 participants, are now also open to tenants who live in housing owned or managed by the Housing Authority;
- one new seat is designated for a homeless or formerly homeless individual, not necessarily a participant in any Housing Authority program.

### Recommendation for Re-appointment

Alberta Parrish was appointed to the Housing Commission in 2007; her two-year term recently expired. She has regularly attended and fully participated in Commission meetings and activities. She has been a resident of Orchard Arms public housing development in Santa Clarita for three years. I recommend that Ms. Parrish be re-appointed to the Housing Commission.

### Recommendation for New Appointments

In September and October of this year, we interviewed eight applicants to fill six vacancies on the Housing Commission. We are recommending two of them for appointment.

Ms. Zella Knight was formerly homeless and is now a participant in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) - Section 8 program. She has extensive volunteer experience with Los Angeles Unified School District, including school site councils, compensatory education advisory committees, a district advisory committee, and the homeless collaborative. She has diligently worked toward increasing parent involvement. Ms. Knight will fill the seat designated for the "homeless" member of the Commission.

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Ms. Mary Lou Leggett, also a HCV – Section 8 participant, has volunteered at food pantries, the City of Hope, and senior citizens centers in San Fernando and Santa Clarita. She indicated that she likes to help others with small problems.

We will continue to recruit for Tenant Commissioners, and will return to you with appointment recommendations. If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Bobbette Glover, Assistant Executive Director, at (323) 890-7402.

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c: Sachi Hamai, Executive Officer  
Each Deputy